

Resources on Japan for Educators

Curriculum Materials on Japan

ABCJP website < <http://abcjp.net> > *Take a Cultural Journey through Hiragana, the ABCs of Japanese by Cyrus Rolbin*; the author of a book *The ABCs of Japanese: Hiragana and Katakana*

Asia for Educators. < <http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/> > East Asian Curriculum Project (EACP)/Project on Asia in the Core Curriculum, Columbia University.

Asia Society

1995 *Tune in Japan: Approaching Culture through Television*. Washington, DC: The Asia Society.

Associates in Multicultural and International Education

1990 *Omiyage*. Littleton, MA: World Eagle

Bernson, Mary Hammond and Linda S. Wojtan, eds.

1996 *Teaching about Japan: Lessons and Resources*. Bloomington, IN: Social Studies Development Center.

Capital Children's Museum

2001 *Japan: Through the Eyes of a Child: Resource Guide for Educators*. Washington, DC: Capital Children's Museum

Duffy, Jo and Takashi Oguro

1992 *Teenage Tokyo: The Story of Four Japanese Junior High School Students*. Boston: The Children's Museum and The Japan Forum.

Finkelstein, Barbara and Elizabeth K. Eder, eds.

1998 *Hidden Messages: Instructional Materials for Investigating Culture*. Yarmouth, ME: Intercultural Press.

Moore, Willamarie

2000 *StarFestival: Exploring Cultural Heritage: Teacher's Guide*. Cambridge, MA: StarFestival, Inc.

National Council for the Social Studies/Keizai Koho Fellowship

1996 – 1998 *Tora no Maki: Lessons for Teaching about Contemporary Japan, Volumes I, II, III*. Waldorf, MD: National Council for the Social Studies Publications.

Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education

1994 *Japan Meets the West: A Case Study of Perceptions*. Stanford, CA: Stanford Project on International and Cross-Cultural Education.

1996 *Japanese Radio Exercises*. Stanford, CA: Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education.

2000 *The Social Fabric of Japan: Case Studies of Selected Minority Groups*. Stanford, CA: Stanford Project on International and Cross-Cultural Education.

General Background and History On Japan

Beasley, W.G.

1999 *The Japanese Experience: A Short History of Japan*. Berkeley: University of CA Press.

Embree, Ainslie T. and Carol Gluck

1997 *Asia in Western and World History: A Guide for Teaching*. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe.

Gordon, Andrew

2003 *A Modern History of Japan: From Tokugawa Times to the Present*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Hanley, Susan B.

1997 *Everyday Things in Premodern Japan*. London, England: Univ of California Press

- Naito, Akira
2003 *Edo, the City that Became Tokyo: An Illustrated History*. Tokyo, New York and London: Kodansha International.
- Reischauer, Edwin O. and Marius B. Jansen
1995 *The Japanese Today: Change and Continuity*, Enlarged Edition. Cambridge, MA:
- White, Merry
2002 *Perfectly Japanese: Making Family in an Era of Upheaval*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Culture of Japan

- Allison, Anne
"Japanese Mothers and Obentos: The Lunch-box as Ideological State Apparatus", in *Anthropological Quarterly*, October 1991, 64:4, pp. 195-208
- Ekiguchi, Kunio and McCreery, Ruth S.
1987 *Japanese Crafts and Customs: A Seasonal Approach*. Japan: Kodansha International Ltd.
- Ekuan, Kenji,
1998 *The Aesthetics of the Japanese Lunchbox*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press
- Lewis, Catherine C.**
1995 *Educating Hearts and Minds*. Cambridge University Press
- Tatsuo Anzai and Yukio Tachibana
1987 *Pictorial Encyclopedia of Japanese Culture*. Tokyo, Japan: Gakken Co. LTD.
- Yoshida Mitsukuni and Sesoko Tsune, Naorai
1989 *Communion of the Table* Tokyo: Cosmo Public Relations Corp.
- Naomichi Ishige
"Dig in! Japanese Culture in the Kitchen: Food: Another Perspective on Japanese Cultural History" in *NIPPONNIA*, No.36, March, 2006: pp 4-7

Encyclopedia of Japan in English

- Gen Itasaka
1983 *Kodansha Encyclopedia of Japan*. Japan: Kodansha America.
Online resources are also available. <<http://www.ency-japan.com/>>
- Sandra Buckley
2002 *Encyclopedia of Contemporary Japanese Culture*. Routledge: London, England
- Gakken Staff
1999 *Pictorial Encyclopedia of Japanese Life and Events*. Gakken Co., LTD: Tokyo, Japan

Children's Books and Resources

- Carle, Eric and Iwamura, Kazuo
2000 *Where Are You Going? To See My Friend! A Story of Friendship in Two Languages*. Tokyo: Doshin-sha Publishing Co.
- Dooley, Norah
1992 *Everybody Cooks Rice*. Minneapolis: Lerner Publishing Group.
- Eleanor Coerr
1999 *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*. NY: Putnam Juvenile
- Friedman, Ina R
1987 *How My Parents Learned to Eat*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company.
- Hidaka, Masako
1986 *Girl from the Snow Country*. Brooklyn and LaJolla: Kane/Miller.

Iijima, Geneva Cobb

2002 *The Way We Do It In Japan*. Morton Grove, IL: Morton Grove & Company

Kamishibai for Kids

<http://www.kamishibai.com/>

Kids Web Japan

[<http://www.jinijapan.org/kidsweb/index.html>](http://www.jinijapan.org/kidsweb/index.html)

Krasno, Rena

2000 *Floating Lanterns and Golden Shrines: Celebrating Japanese Festivals*.
Berkeley, CA: Pacific View Press

Kuklin, Susan

1995 *Kodomo: Children of Japan*. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

Little, Mimi Otey

1996 *Yoshiko and the Foreigner*. New York: Frances Foster Books.

Melmed, Laura Krauss and Jim LaMarche

1997 *Little Oh*. New York: Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Books.

Nomura, Takaaki

1991 *Grandpa's Town*. Brooklyn: Kane/Miller Book Publishers.

Quackenbush, Hiroko C.

1994 *The Runaway Riceball*. Kodansha International.

Rolbin, Cyrus

2008 *The ABCs of Japanese: Hiragana and Katakana*. Australia, Intext Book Company

Sakade, Florence, ed.

1990 *Japanese Children's Favorite Stories*. Rutland, VT: Charles E. Tuttle Company (Original published in 1953)

Say, Allen

2005 *Kamishibai Man*. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Company

Sono, Janet and Maren Sono

1998 *Let's Sing! Japanese Songs for Kids*. [with CD] New York: Kamishibai for Kids.

Takabayashi, Mari

2001 *I Live in Tokyo*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

The Japan Forum

<http://www.tjf.or.jp/>

Japan-related Organizations in the Boston Area

- **The Japan Society Of Boston, Inc.**

420 Pond Street

Boston, MA 02130

(617) 451-0726

[<www.us-japan.org/boston>](http://www.us-japan.org/boston)

Language classes, programs on Japanese business and culture, resource library for members. A *Guide to Japan in New England* is published annually and may be ordered from the Society.

- **Consulate General Of Japan, Boston**

Federal Reserve Plaza, 14th Floor

600 Atlantic Avenue

Boston, MA 02210

(617) 973-9772

[<http://www.boston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/>](http://www.boston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/)

General information on Japan. Library, films, other resources for educators.

- **Asian American Resource Workshop**

33 Harrison Ave., 3rd Fl.

Boston, MA 02111-2008 (617) 426-5313

<<http://www.aarw.org/>>

Civil rights and educational organization with the largest Asian American reference library in New England. Focuses on issues pertaining to Asian Americans and multicultural education.

- **Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies**

CGIS South Building

Second Level

1730 Cambridge Street

Cambridge, MA 02138

(617) 495-3220 Fax: (617) 496-8083

Email: rijs@fas.harvard.edu

< <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~rijs/> >

"The Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies at Harvard University supports research on Japan and provides a forum for related academic activities and the exchange of ideas. It seeks to stimulate scholarly and public interest in Japan and Japanese studies at Harvard and around the world."

- **Harvard-Yenching Library**

2 Divinity Avenue, Harvard University

Cambridge, MA 02138

(617) 495-2756 Fax: (617) 496-6008

Email: hylpub@fas.harvard.edu <<http://hcl.harvard.edu/libraries/#hyl>>

Research library. Before your visit, send an email with your purpose to the library.

"Most extensive academic research collection of East Asian materials outside of Asia. Includes publications in the humanities and social sciences on traditional and modern East Asia written in East Asian and Western languages."

Grocery Stores

Japanese grocery stores

- **Ebisuya**

65 Riverside Ave

Medford, MA 02155

(781) 391-0012

ebisuyamarket.com/

Japanese grocery store with produce, packaged and frozen foods, and snacks and candies all imported from Japan.

- **Japan Village Mart**

200 Washington St

Brookline, MA 02445

Asian markets also sell some Japanese foods

- **Reliable Market**

45 Union Square

Somerville, MA 02143

(617) 623-9620

- **H-Mart**

Burlington

- **Super 88 Market**

Chinatown and other locations

Japanese bakery

- **Japonaise Bakery & Cafe**

200 Beacon Street

Brookline, MA 02445

(617) 232-080

Japanese bread and snack cafe.

Folk Crafts

- **Tokai**

1815 Massachusetts Avenue

Cambridge, MA 02140

(617) 864-5922

Traditional Japanese folk crafts including textiles, pottery, ironware, tea ceremony utensils, Japanese paper and origami. Also carries Japanese music, lanterns, and other accessories.

- **KEIKO: Fine Japanese Handcraft**
121 Charles Street, Boston, MA 02114 (617) 725-2888
www.keikogallery.com Open daily except on Tuesdays.
A gallery and store specializing to introduce contemporary Japanese arts and crafts.

National Organizations and Resource Listings

- **The Asia Society and Museum**
725 Park Ave.
New York, NY 10021 (212) 288-6400
<www.asiasociety.org>
Programs that encompass the public affairs, arts and cultures of all of the countries of Asia.
Extensive educational materials on Japan.
- **Asian Educational Media Service (Aems)**
Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
230 International Studies Building, MC-483
910 South Fifth Street
Champaign, IL 61820
(888) 828-2367
<www.aems.uiuc.edu>
Offers information about where to find audio-visual media resources for teaching and learning about Asia, and advice about which ones may best suit teachers' needs. Publishes quarterly *News and Reviews*, a newsletter with reviews of films, videos, web sites, CD-ROMs and other educational media about Asia.
- **Association For Asian Studies**
1021 East Huron Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104 (734) 665-2490
<www.aasianst.org/aaa-toc.htm>
Educational materials and catalogues of recommended resources on Japan. Publishes *Education About Asia*, a quarterly journal for educators on ways to present Asia in the K – 12 classroom.
- **East Asia Institute, Columbia University**
MC 3333
420 W. 118th Street
New York, NY 10025-7951
(212) 854-1723
<<http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/>>
Coordinating site for the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia.
Develops excellent web-based resources for teaching about Asia.
- **East Asian Resource Center**
University of Washington
Seattle, WA 98195 (206) 543-1921
< <http://jsis.washington.edu/earc/>>
Resource center, curriculum materials, and newsletter.
- **Five College Center For East Asian Studies**
Florence Gilman Pavilion
Smith College
69 Paradise Road
Northampton, MA 01063 (413) 585-3751
<www.smith.edu/fcceas>
Lending library and extensive catalog on Japanese resources available for K – 12 teachers in New England. Publishes quarterly Newsletter of events and programs scheduled throughout the five New England states.
- **Stanford Program For International And Cross Cultural Education (SPICE)**
Encina Hall, Rm. E-016

Stanford University
 Stanford, CA 94305-6055 (650) 723-1116
<http://spice.stanford.edu>
 Publishes excellent curriculum materials.

- **The National Clearinghouse For U.S.–Japan Studies**

Indiana University
 2805 East 10th Street, Suite 120
 Bloomington, IN 47408 (800) 266-3815
<http://www.indiana.edu/~japan>

Provides educational information about Japan to K-12 students, teachers, specialists, and curriculum developers. Publishes *Shinbun*, a newsletter for educators, *Japan Digests* on specific topics, and offers a comprehensive database, lesson plans, and extensive Internet guides and resources.

- **Mid-Atlantic Region Japan-In-The-Schools Resource Center (Marjis)**

International Center for the study of Education Policy and Human Values
 University of Maryland
 College Park, MD
<http://www.intleducenter.umd.edu/netscape/marjisindex.htm>

A lending library of resources including books, curriculum guides, multimedia sets, videos.

- **Program For Teaching East Asia, University Of Colorado**

Boulder, CO (303) 492-8154
<http://www.colorado.edu/cas/TEA/>

Publishes curriculum on Japan and leads professional development seminars for teachers, including study trips to Japan.

- **Programs In International Educational Resources (Pier)**

East Asian Studies, Yale University
 The Yale Center for International and Area Studies P.O. Box 208206
 New Haven, CT 06520-8206
 (203) 432-3410
<http://www.yale.edu/pieris>

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